

# Michigan Archaeology Month 2005

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## GRAND RAPIDS

**Artifacts from West Michigan: Identification, Show and Tell**

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Join the members of the W.L. Coffinberry Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society to view artifacts from several sites in West Michigan, including the Davis Swamp site in Muskegon. Bring your own artifacts for identification.

Location: Public Museum of Grand Rapids, corner of Pearl St. and US-131. For more information, call (616) 331-3694, e-mail [brashlej@gvsu.edu](mailto:brashlej@gvsu.edu), or visit [www.grmuseum.org](http://www.grmuseum.org) or [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org).

## HASTINGS

**Mission Excavation Tour**

**Saturday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 to 11 a.m.**

Tour the site of the 1849 Methodist Episcopal Mission with an archaeologist, and see artifacts from the excavation at Historic Charlton Park. A recreated A.D. 1700 Potawatomi village will also be open to visitors.

Location: Historic Charlton Park, 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd., Hastings. For more information, call (269) 945-3775, e-mail [gshannon@iserv.net](mailto:gshannon@iserv.net), or visit [www.charltonpark.org](http://www.charltonpark.org) or [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org).

## HOUGHTON

**2005 Summer Fieldwork**

**Date, time and place to be announced**

Michigan Technological University students present findings from their recent projects. For more information, contact the Industrial Archaeology program at (906) 487-2070 or [srmartin@mtu.edu](mailto:srmartin@mtu.edu) or visit [www.industrialarchaeology.net/IAWeb/iahm](http://www.industrialarchaeology.net/IAWeb/iahm).

## JONESVILLE

**Jail Dig**

**Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Weather permitting, archaeologist Misty Jackson and volunteers will explore the stone foundation of the 1830s jail found in 2003. Jonesville was a frontier town that grew up along the former Sauk Indian trail and the old Chicago Road in Hillsdale County.

Location: City Park, intersection of US-12 and M-99, Jonesville. For more information, call (517) 589-2467 or e-mail [jackso19@msu.edu](mailto:jackso19@msu.edu).

## KALAMAZOO

**Midwest Historical Archaeology Conference**

**Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Get an early start on Archaeology Month. Hear regional archaeologists speak on what archaeology can teach us about the American experience, including childhood, consumerism, alcohol use, farming, gender and education.

Location: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. For more information, call (269) 387-3969, e-mail [Nassaney@wmich.edu](mailto:Nassaney@wmich.edu), or visit [www.wmich.edu/anthropology/archy\\_conf](http://www.wmich.edu/anthropology/archy_conf).

## LANSING

**Michigan Archaeology Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

See reverse side for the full program of displays, lectures and activities for the whole family.

Location: Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. For more information, call (517) 373-3559, e-mail [arasimj@michigan.gov](mailto:arasimj@michigan.gov) or visit [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org).

## MACKINAW CITY

**Michilimackinac Archaeology Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Join archaeologists at Colonial Michilimackinac, who will be available all day to answer your questions. Regular admission (\$9.50/adult, \$6.00/child) includes the “Treasures from the Sand” exhibit, ruins, reconstructed fort and living history experiences. There will be a special archaeology tour at 10:30 a.m. and a slide presentation, “Archaeology at Michilimackinac,” at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinac City. For more information, call (231) 436-4100, e-mail [evansLL@michigan.gov](mailto:evansLL@michigan.gov), or visit [www.mackinacparks.com/michilimackinac](http://www.mackinacparks.com/michilimackinac).

## MIDLAND

**Michigan Archaeological Society Fall Workshop**

**Sunday, Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Learn about the fur trade, English settlers, Chippewa camps, a German mission, and what animal bones can teach us at this workshop presented by Dr. Scott Beld and Dr. Terrance Martin. In the afternoon, see demonstrations of native skills such as tanning, fire making, and basket weaving, courtesy of the Chippewa Nature Center staff.

Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd., Midland. For more information, call (989) 631-0830 or visit [www.chippewanaturecenter.com/Oxbow/programs](http://www.chippewanaturecenter.com/Oxbow/programs) or [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org).

## MONROE

**Tour of Archaeological Sites in Monroe**

**Sunday, Oct. 2, 2 to 4 p.m.**

The River Raisin Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society invites you to a presentation on the St. Antoine’s Parish graveyard, Francois Deloeuil’s home and blacksmith shop site, and the War of 1812 River Raisin Battlefield. A tour of the sites will follow. Artifacts will be on display at the Monroe County Historical Museum and the River Raisin Battlefield Visitor Center.

Location: Monroe County Historical Museum, 126 S. Monroe St., Monroe. For more information, call (734) 241-0252, e-mail [leheyman@tdi.net](mailto:leheyman@tdi.net), or visit [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org).

## MUSKEGON

**Artifacts from West Michigan: Identification, Show and Tell**

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Join members of the W.L. Coffinberry Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society to view artifacts from several sites in West Michigan, including the Davis Swamp site in Muskegon. Bring your own artifacts in for identification.

Location: Muskegon County Museum, 430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon. For more information, call (616) 331-3694, e-mail [brashlej@gvsu.edu](mailto:brashlej@gvsu.edu), or visit [www.muskegonmuseum.org](http://www.muskegonmuseum.org).

## PONTIAC

**Oakland County Archaeology Day**

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to noon**

Keep up-to-date on the latest digs and studies in Oakland County. Dr. Richard Stamps hosts a series of talks on the newest developments. Co-sponsored by the Oakland County Historical Commission, Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, Oakland University, and Clinton Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

Location: Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Cesar Chavez Ave., Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 370-2434 or e-mail [stamps@oakland.edu](mailto:stamps@oakland.edu).

## SAGINAW

**Saginaw Valley Archaeology Day**

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Members of the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society “show and tell” about artifacts and activities. The event will include special exhibits.

Location: Castle Museum of Saginaw County History meeting room, 500 Federal Ave., Saginaw. For more information, call (810) 695-0433, e-mail [donaldsimons@juno.com](mailto:donaldsimons@juno.com), or visit [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org).

## VARIOUS TIMES AND PLACES

**Michigan Archaeological Society Local Chapter Meetings**

Visit the Michigan Archaeological Society Web site at [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org)

to learn more about chapter meetings in Grand Rapids, East Lansing, Saginaw, Midland, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills and Monroe. Most chapters meet monthly from September through June.



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Archaeology events around  
the state throughout  
**October 2005**

*Featuring*  
Michigan Archaeology Day at the  
Michigan Historical Museum  
**Saturday, October 1, 2005**

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## Michigan Historical Center, Lansing • Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*presented by the Michigan Historical Museum and the Office of the State Archaeologist • Department of History, Arts and Libraries*

## Archaeology in Michigan

*On land, in the ground, under water...  
Visit with archaeologists in Lansing and  
around the state to find out news from the  
past 10,000 years!*

Visit ***www.michiganhistory.org***  
for more information.

517/373/3559 or TDD 517/373/1592

**Michigan Historical Museum**  
702 Kalamazoo Street  
Lansing, MI 48909

The museum is located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing and two blocks east of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Admission and weekend parking are free. The facility is accessible to the disabled. Visit Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For school and group reservations, telephone the Capitol Tour and Information Service at 517/373-2353.

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The first 50 visitors will receive a free copy of *American Archaeology* magazine, courtesy of The Archaeological Conservancy. Other free brochures and fact sheets will be available for everyone.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Earthworks, Mounds and Monuments: New Research in

### Northern Michigan

For more than 2000 years, native peoples in Michigan used earth as a

building material for structures serving important communal purposes. Meghan Howey, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, will dis-

cuss recent research focused on the Missaukee Earthworks and Cut River Mounds in Missaukee and Roscommon counties.

- Archaeology of the Shawassee National Wildlife Refuge

### 12:30 p.m., Forum Auditorium

Jeff Sommer of the Historical Society of Saginaw County shares the results of years of work in the Shawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw County. Excavations at two habitation sites revealed a glimpse of

life during the Middle Woodland period (100 B.C.-A.D. 500).

- Saints Rest: Excavating MSU's First Dormitory

### 2 p.m., Forum Auditorium

During Michigan State University's sesquicentennial, MSU archaeologists excavated the remains of the university's first dorm, in use from 1856

until it burned in 1876. Students, professors and high school teachers exposed the building's foundation and found there was much to learn about early campus life. Dr. Jodie O'Gorman and graduate students tell the tale.

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

- Archaic Atlats in Action!

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., outdoors between the parking lot and front entrance

More than 5,000 years ago, native peoples used atlats, or spear-throwers, to increase the power of their weapons. Try your hand at hitting a deer target using an atlatl. Presented by Ron Burk and Mike Maurer of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Archaeologist for a Day

### Education Room, first floor

Put on an archaeologist's hat, find an artifact, catalog it, and put it on exhibit! For kids of all ages.

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- Right Here on This Spot*

1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Gabriel Richard Room, first floor

Listen to the story and look at the pictures in the book *Right Here on This Spot* by Sharon Hart Addy. See real artifacts like those described in the

- Long Ago, in Words and Pictures

### Gabriel Richards Room, first floor

Archaeological coloring pages, games and handouts for kids. Presented by Sarah Surface-Evans, Michigan State University graduate student.

## DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

*All displays and exhibits will be on the second floor of the*

*Michigan Historical Museum.*

- Second Childhood

Lost and broken toys are brought to life when found by archaeologists. Toys and school supplies are clues that children were present. Whether growing up in an Indian village, a logging camp or a company town, at a lighthouse or over a general store, kids just want to have fun!

- Bear Skulls and Storage Pits: The Slavik Site, Saginaw County

When sand mining threatened an important site, local avocational archaeologist Ron Burk took action. Ron, archaeologist Scott Beld, and Alma College students excavated hearths and large storage pits at this Late Woodland camp (A.D. 1400-1600). See a selection of artifacts, plus bear skulls and other animal bones from the site.

display artifacts unearthed this summer.

MSU archaeologist Dr. Jodie O'Gorman and graduate students, who students stay warm before the days of central heating? Find out from its doors in 1856. What was student life like 150 years ago? How did the residents. The dorm was destroyed by fire only 20 years after opening Michigan State University's first dormitory was nicknamed Saint's Rest by

- Saint's Rest: Traces of Dorm Life, 1876

Michigan from the Butler and Gainey sites in Genesee County.

Don Simons of the Michigan Archaeological Society exhibits artifacts from Southeast Michigan. View some of the most ancient tools in

- Paleo-Indians and Beyond

and Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group.

Foundation project discovered how the station crew lived and worked at Island Life Saving Station in Alpena County. This summer's PAST Explore ruins of the crew quarters, boathouse and a privy at the Middle

- Middle Island Lifesaving Station

them.

hand to identify your own artifacts and explain how best to care for

artifacts from the Mid-Michigan area, near I-69, US-27, Haslett and the Groesbeck Golf Course. State Archaeologist Dr. John R. Halsley will be on

- Lansing Area Collections

to make stone tools to get the job done.

How did people hunt and butcher game? How did they tan hides or chop down trees? Bob Love of the Michigan Flintknappers demonstrates how

- Flintknapping Demonstration

Ph.D. candidate, and other students share what they have learned.

River Mounds in Missaukee and Roscommon counties. Meghan Howey, Anthropology's recent research on the Missaukee Earthworks and Cut

See artifacts and documents from the University of Michigan Museum of Northern Michigan

- Earthworks, Mounds and Monuments: New Research in

National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve off Alpena.

- Dive into the Past: Shipwrecks of Thunder Bay

Explore some of the nearly 200 shipwrecks in and around Thunder Bay

Muskegon County.

Members of the W.L. Coffinberry Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society show you what they've found at a 2000-year-old camp in

- Davis Swamp Site